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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

The Applicant has amended the claims to recite subject matter which the Examiner indicated would be allowable during a telephone conversation on June 24, 2004, and again on June 29, 2004 at which time the Examiner requested that this Amendment be submitted for entry.

Authorization to charge additional claim fees to the deposit account of the undersigned attorney of record is enclosed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted

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